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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : PATENT
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Serial No.: 10/570,764 : Art Unit: 3753
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For: CONSTRUCTION-KIT SYSTEM :

RESPONSE

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Sir:

Responsive to the September 12, 2008 Office Action, reconsideration of the above-identified application is requested in view of the following comments:

Claims 9-21 are pending in the application, with claim 9 being independent.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 9 covers a modular hydraulic system comprising at least one primary valve block and at least first and second groups 12 and 14 of connecting lines all connected in fluid communication at one point by a connecting line of the first group. At least two of the connecting lines of the first group 12 are connected in fluid communication to a respective connecting line of the second group. At least three dummy components 18 are provided for receiving definable valve components connected to the connecting lines of the second group. At